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'The Invisible Government'

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James Reston has undoubtedly read the book about the CIA "The Invisible Government," not watered down. Yet he says (P.I. May 6) that the CIA is chiefly a fact finding operation. It was created to gather information, but the Bay of Pigs is just one of many examples showing the CIA to be a policy-making and military body in itself. The CIA has a budget of about \$4 billion per year and does not even have to give Congress an account of how it is spent.

Many people in the rest of the world see the U.S. as having two policies, one which we talk about and one which the CIA puts into action. The Bay of Pigs wasn't the only time our U.N. ambassadors were red-faced. An example is Indonesia, 1958. We were indignant that President Sukarno intimated the CIA was involved in a coup attempt, until a talkative U.S. pilot was shot down while bombing a public market place. Suddenly Indonesia got considerable foreign aid from the U.S.

CIA AGENTS who assist in coups which benefit some of our American corporations have a habit of later turning up on the board of directors of the companies that benefited. Our "fact finding organization" has assisted corporations in expropriating land, and in keeping land which was originally obtained by dishonest or violent methods. This organization considers anyone who wants more than 50 cents a day for a 12-hour work day a communist dupe.

Every half hour 2,000 children are born into this world who will live and die without seeing a square meal. For the few years that they live, they too will be considered communist terrorists, and unless Senator Young is successful in his campaign to bring this "fact finding arm" of the government under control, we will be fighting many more such communist terrorists in many more Viet Nams.

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